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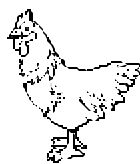
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

The market tone was steady at best. Retail demand was slow to fairly good, usually better where promotions were present. Food service covered the full range with best movement for specials in the fast food sector. Supplies were adequate to ample with heavier sizes more available. In the parts structure trading reflected irregularities. Boneless skinless breasts were adequate to ample, leg quarters and bone-in breast were balanced to close and clearing. Wings were readily available and slow to move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 62.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.00 cents last year on April 11, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| ITEM | |
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 180.00 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 134.00 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 68.00 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 84.50 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 20.00 |
| WINGS | 67.00 |

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail movement was light to fair and occasionally better with retail ads aiding interest. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food specials. Supplies at least adequate with regular commitments usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fairly good where retail features were effective. Leg quarters were balanced to close and moving well, and bone-in breasts were in good balance. Wings were easy to find with no difficulty, and the remaining items were more than adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light with traders very cautious and watching further market developments. Offerings of all sizes were available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was barely steady at best. In the parts complex, b/s breasts were ample and available, bone-in breasts were sufficient but clearing. Leg quarters were adequate even though retail features were moving additional inventories. Wings were irregular but usually available.

MIDWEST The trade sentiment for whole broiler/fryers was steady at best. Offerings of heavy weight whole fryers and WOG's were plentiful, smaller sizes in line with limited to fair trade needs. Fill in trading on Wogs at 46 cents reported in the St. Louis area. Retail demand was irregular, mostly light and best for limited features. Whole fryer retail features at 47 and 59 cents in the St. Louis area. The Chicago area noted whole fryers at 59 cents and leg quarters at 17 and 19 cents. In Michigan, retail features reported on boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.79, split beasts at 97 cents and \$1.00. Food service movement was in a full range with promotional activity providing moderate to good movement. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Sizes were desirable to heavy. Trading on parts items remained of a light and spotty nature. Offerings were fully sufficient with white meat items discounted to help clear. The market tone was fully steady on leg quarters and about steady on remaining items, instances weak on wings.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings were adequate to ample on whole body product with heavy weights in the longest position and difficult to place. Buying interest was fair for immediate needs. Demand was fairly good where featured otherwise only fair. Floor stocks adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

| 15 STATES | | | PERCENT CHANGE |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| WEEK ENDING 04/06/02 | <u>2002</u> | <u>2001</u> | PREVIOUS YEAR |
| EGGS SET | 187,987 | 186,553 | +01 |
| CHICKS PLACED | 150,173 | 148,386 | +01 |
| 19 STATES | | | |
| EGGS SET | 210,341 | - | - |
| CHICKS PLACED | 168,603 | - | - |

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 6, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 6, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 6, 2002 were 2.09 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 6, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 6, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 6, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 2.36 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 18-May-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 156.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 156.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 159.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.95 CENTS PER POUND.

APRIL 09, 2002

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APRIL 10, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

| ITEM | POUNDS (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|------------|
| BREAST - B/S | 842 | 112.00-189.00 | 118-123 | 123.59 |
| TENDERLOINS | 152 | 130.00-195.00 | 130-135 | 143.36 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 113 | 64.00-69.00 | 64-66 | 66.25 |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |
| LEGS | 89 | 26.00-36.00 | 26-27 | 27.01 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 349 | 14.00-18.00 | 14-15 | 14.33 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,460 | 16.00-25.50 | 18-19 | 19.16 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 281 | 51.00-71.00 | 67-68 | 67.69 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 389 | 69.00-79.00 | 70-74 | 72.33 |
| DRUMSTICKS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |
| THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |
| B/S THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |

| ITEM | POUNDS (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|------------|
| BREAST - B/S | 852 | 112.00-189.00 | 118-122 | 122.02 |
| TENDERLOINS | 142 | 130.00-195.00 | 130-135 | 143.94 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 113 | 64.00-69.00 | 64-67 | 66.25 |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |
| LEGS | 89 | 26.00-36.00 | 26-27 | 27.01 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 429 | 13.25-18.00 | 14-15 | 14.48 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 400 | 18.00-25.50 | 19-20 | 19.55 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 281 | 51.00-69.50 | 66-67 | 66.62 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 407 | 69.00-79.00 | 70-72 | 72.47 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 69 | 36.00-40.50 | - | 36.59 |
| THIGHS | 29 | 36.00-45.00 | - | 38.79 |
| B/S THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

| RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 35.00 - 38.50 | 35.62 | 34.15 - 37.65 | 35.31 | 35.78 |

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Prices were unchanged on very light trading. Offerings of b/s breasts were fully adequate to ample, bone-in breasts and leg quarters were clearing, wings and b/s thighs were available with some spot trades noted at discount levels. Overall, trading and retail movement was light with most buyers watching further market developments. Trade sentiment was steady on bone-in breast and leg quarters, steady to weak on b/s breast, balance of items was on the soft side of a steady market.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES APRIL 09, 2002

| ITEM | CURRENT NEG TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|
| BREAST - B/S | 120 | 124.22 | 455,660 |
| TENDERLOINS | 125-130 | 133.91 | 72,320 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 59-60 | 64.61 | 208,840 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 59 | 60.76 | 88,600 |
| LEGS | 32-33 | 36.04 | 120,800 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 17-18 | 19.08 | 680,974 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 32-33 | 33.87 | 136,780 |
| THIGHS | 25-26 | 31.77 | 78,130 |
| B/S THIGHS | 81-82 | 80.23 | 53,910 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 58-59 | 59.12 | 379,480 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 12.14 | 24,600 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 20-25 | 19.94 | 11,320 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 40-45 | 42.94 | 37,860 |

| ITEM | CURRENT NEG TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|
| BREAST - B/S | 120 | 125.52 | 397,570 |
| TENDERLOINS | 125-130 | 134.07 | 45,440 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 59-60 | 65.98 | 188,680 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 59 | 61.50 | 63,800 |
| LEGS | 32-33 | 36.46 | 147,480 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 17-18 | 19.54 | 434,842 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 32-33 | 34.96 | 112,900 |
| THIGHS | 25-26 | 30.15 | 81,140 |
| B/S THIGHS | 81-82 | 80.84 | 51,720 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 58-59 | 63.90 | 306,640 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.90 | 38,520 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 20-25 | 20.56 | 16,720 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 40-45 | 43.45 | 28,800 |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

| | ESTIMATED | ACTUAL | AVG WTS | ACTUAL | AVG WTS |
|--------------------|-----------|--------|------------|--------|------------|
| | 04/10 | 04/09 | 04/08 | 04/05 | 04/08 |
| ALA | 4,055 | 4,018 | 3,961 | 3,943 | 5.16 |
| ARK | 5,353 | 5,324 | 5,328 | 5,183 | 4.99 |
| DELMARVA | 2,337 | 2,369 | 2,352 | 2,539 | 5.25 |
| KY-LA-TN | 1,997 | 1,995 | 1,971 | 2,068 | 4.64 |
| MISS | 2,820 | 2,589 | 2,856 | 2,785 | 5.44 |
| NC | 2,637 | 2,625 | 2,568 | 2,644 | 6.13 |
| TEXAS | 2,422 | 2,411 | 2,431 | 2,501 | 4.89 |
| TOTAL | 21,621 | 21,331 | 21,467 | 21,663 | 5.20 |
| MON-WED 42,952 (A) | | | | | 5.02 |
| | | | | | 21,385 |
| | | | | | 5.11 |
| | | | | | 42,677 (A) |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Apr 02 and is estimated to be 32,347,000 up 0.80 percent from a week ago and up 12.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,090,000; last year 28,640,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

| | RANGE |
|------------------|-------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 85-87 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 85-90 |
| HENS UNDER 5# | - |
| HENS OVER 5# | 75 |
| DUCKS | 139 |
| RABBITS-WHOLE | - |
| RABBITS-CUT UP | - |

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | ICE PACK | DRY PACK |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 92-93 | |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 94-101 | |
| HENS OVER 5# | 104-113 | |
| DUCKS | 113 | |
| | 94-98 | |
| | - | |
| | 152-166 | |

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-APRIL-02

| CLASS | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 04/13/02 (1) | 04/06/02 |
| THOUSAND HEAD | | |
| BRO-FRY | 161,742 (2) | 160,045 |
| LT HENS | 2,099 | 2,152 |
| HVY HENS | 1,361 | 1,306 |
| CHECK TOTAL | 165,202 | 163,503 |

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Apr-02 is 159.3 million head compared to 145.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.1 million head or 2.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-Apr-02 the estimated available is 160.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | PROCESSED TURKEY | PROCESSED POULTRY |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | LBS | LBS |
| AM 8-Apr-02 | 172,710 | 78,411 |
| AM 1-Apr-02 | 164,226 | 77,627 |
| CHG | 8,484 | 784 |
| PCT CHG | 5 | 1 |

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

| | PROCESSED TURKEYS | | | PROCESSED POULTRY | | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| | 04/08/02 | 04/01/02 | 04/09/01 | 04/08/02 | 04/01/02 | 04/09/01 |
| PACIFIC | | | | | | |
| COAST | 14,226 | 14,272 | 15,073 | 3,634 | 3,801 | 5,829 |
| LOS | | | | | | |
| ANGELES | 98 | 96 | 140 | 2,006 | 2,040 | 2,742 |

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF APRIL 08, 2002

| | RANGE |
|------------------------------|-------|
| HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | 56-60 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 60-69 |

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

| FOR 4/09/02 | | | FOR 4/09/02 | | |
|------------------|------|------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| LOW | HIGH | AVG | LOW | HIGH | AVG |
| HEAVY FOWL lb. | .45 | 1.00 | .81 | HEAVY FOWL ea. | - 2.00 - |
| LIGHT FOWL lb. | - | - | - | LIGHT FOWL ea. | 3.25 4.50 - |
| MIXED FOWL lb. | .95 | 1.05 | .99 | MIXED FOWL ea. | - 3.50 - |
| BANTAMS lb. | - | - | - | BANTAMS ea. | 1.00 4.00 - |
| BROILERS lb. | - | - | - | BROILERS ea. | - - - |
| ROASTERS lb. | .45 | .60 | .52 | ROASTERS ea. | - - - |
| FRYERS lb. | - | - | - | FRYERS ea. | - - - |
| CHICKS lb. | - | - | - | CHICKS ea. | .05 1.30 - |
| PULLETS lb. | .60 | 1.10 | .82 | PULLETS ea. | 3.25 6.00 - |
| BUNNIES lb. | - | - | - | BUNNIES ea. | .75 2.75 - |
| ROOSTERS lb. | .75 | 1.50 | 1.07 | ROOSTERS ea. | 1.50 4.75 - |
| GEESE lb. | - | - | - | GEESE ea. | - - - |
| TURKEYS lb. | - | - | - | TURKEYS ea. | - - - |
| DUCKS lb. | .90 | 1.55 | 1.31 | DUCKS ea. | 2.50 9.50 - |
| RABBITS lb. | .60 | 1.25 | .93 | RABBITS ea. | 2.75 3.75 - |
| PIGEONS lb. | - | - | - | PIGEONS ea. | 2.75 4.50 - |
| GUINEA FOWL lb. | - | - | - | GUINEA FOWL ea. | 7.50 9.25 - |
| DUCKLINGS lb. | - | - | - | DUCKLINGS ea. | 1.00 4.25 - |
| GUINEA KEETS ea. | - | - | - | CALL DUCKS ea. | - - - |
| SILKIES lb. | - | - | - | SILKIES ea. | 1.50 3.50 - |
| GOSLINGS ea. | - | - | - | GUINEA PIGS ea. | - - - |

TOTAL COOPS 121

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 5, 2002

| | <u>Whole</u> | | <u>Legs</u> | <u>Necks, Backs</u> | <u>Livers/</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | <u>Chickens</u> | <u>Breasts</u> | <u>W/Thighs</u> | <u>& Wings</u> | <u>Gizzards</u> |
| <u>Hens</u> | | | | | |
| RAYON | | | | | |
| Low | 62.94 | 140.99 | 80.56 | 25.18 | 20.14 |
| 52.87 | High | 68.48 | 151.06 | 90.64 | 30.21 |
| 30.21 | 52.87 | Mostly | 65.96 | 151.06 | 90.64 |
| 25.18 | 30.21 | 52.87 | | | |
| SAN JUAN | | | | | |
| Low | 62.44 | 140.99 | 80.56 | 20.14 | 20.14 |
| 50.35 | High | 67.98 | 151.06 | 90.64 | 25.18 |
| 25.18 | 50.35 | Mostly | 66.47 | 140.99 | 80.56 |
| 20.14 | 25.18 | 50.35 | | | |
| NEW SAN JUAN | | | | | |
| Low | 62.94 | 140.99 | 80.56 | 20.14 | 20.14 |
| 50.35 | High | 67.98 | 151.06 | 90.64 | 25.18 |
| 25.18 | 50.35 | Mostly | 66.47 | 151.06 | 80.56 |
| 25.18 | 25.18 | 50.35 | | | |
| BECERRA | | | | | |
| Low | 62.94 | 140.99 | 85.60 | 20.14 | 20.14 |
| 55.39 | High | 68.98 | 151.06 | 95.67 | 30.21 |
| 25.18 | 55.39 | Mostly | 65.96 | 151.06 | 90.64 |
| 30.21 | 25.18 | 55.39 | | | |

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair at best. Seller offerings were generally noted as adequate to ample and remained more readily available on the larger sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample. Bone-in breasts and leg quarters were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

| | BRANDED |
|------------------|--------------|
| | U.S. GRADE A |
| RANGE | 44-60 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | 49.64 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 8,124 |

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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